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SUBJ: ESCAP: COMMITTEE ON POPULATION, FIRST SESSION - FINAL
REPORT

1. FIRST SESSION OF ESCAP COMMITTEE ON POPULATION CONCLUDED
JULY 5 WITH APPROVAL REPORTS AND PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES
1976-77 AND 1978-79. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
BEING HAND-CARRIED BY NELSON, US REP.

2. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED INCREASING EMPHASIS ON POPULATION
AS REGION'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM AND CALLED ON MEMBER COUNTRIES
TO RECOMMEND TO NEXT ESCAP PLENARY THAT POPULATION BE ADDED
TO FIVE OTHER SUBJECTS OF PRIORITY INTEREST TO THE REGION
ADOPTED AT COLOMBO IN 1974. IT ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT
INCREASED FINANCIAL RESOURCES BE ALLOCATED THE REGION BY
THE UNFPA. US (NELSON), CITING UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISIONS,
CAUTIONED THAT ALLOCATIONS TO REGIONAL POPULATION DIVISION
MUST NOT BE MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO COUNTRY NEEDS. PRIORITY SHOULD CLEARLY
BE GIVEN TO THE LATTER, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF UNFPA'S LIMITED
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FINANCIAL RESOURCES. COMMITTEE CONSENSUS CALLED FOR OVERALL

INCREASED ALLOCATIONS BY UNFPA TO THE REGION - BOTH FOR POPULATION DIVISION AND COUNTRY PROJECTS - SINCE 55 PERCENT OF WORLD'S POPULATION IS WITHIN ESCAP AREA. US CONCURRED WITH RESERVATIONS AS NOTED ABOVE.

3. COMMITTEE DID NOT DISCUSS PROPOSED MARAMIS REORGANIZATION OF POPULATION DIVISION (BANGKOK 18788) AS NOT WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. TABBAH OF UN POPULATION DIVISION TOLD USDEL MARAMIS HAD AGREED THAT NEW AMALGAMATED DIVISION WOULD BE CALLED POPULATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION WITH NEKUNAM AS DIRECTOR. PROPOSAL TO BE DISCUSSED BY ESCAP ADMIN OFFICER SMITH IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK. WITH FRISEN LEAVING, MOST DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED DE FACTO DOWNGRADING OF POPULATION DIVISION WITH ONLY INDIA SEEMINGLY PREPARED TO SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF STATUS QUO. COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRISEN'S WORK.

4. COMMITTEE SESSIONS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY AGREEMENT THAT POPULATION PROBLEMS SHOULD BE GIVEN GREATER POLITICAL ATTENTION "AT ALL LEVELS" AND THAT INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE IMPORTANT PROGRAM COMPONENTS. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF AN INTEGRATED POPULATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WERE QUOTE SELF-HELP, SELF-RELIANCE AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. UNQUOTE. FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL METHODS. IRAN REFERRED TO NEW RURAL INSURANCE SCHEMES WHICH WOULD PROMOTE FERTILITY DECLINES SINCE RURAL PEOPLES WOULD KNOW THEY WOULD BE SECURE IN THEIR OLD AGE. BANGLADESH, INDIA AND PAKISTAN MADE STRONG STATEMENTS REPORTING PLANS FOR EXPANDED STERILIZATION PROGRAMS. CALLS FOR INCREASED EMPHASIS ON FEMALE LITERACY, FOR CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN WERE ALSO MADE BY THE COMMITTEE.

5. USDEL REPORT CONTAINING FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW. WHITEHOUSE

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